



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 16, 2017
Person Contacted: Don Casto, FAA/FSDO, Miramar, FL
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA107

Narrative:

Mr. Casto was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the airplane had flown about 1 hour since its most recent annual inspection. The pilot reported that during takeoff from runway 9, the engine power reduced to idle. The airplane then contacted utility wires and came to rest upright in a service station. During the impact, both wings and the fuselage sustained substantial damage. There were three people onboard and no reported injuries.

Mr. Casto noted adequate fuel remained onboard. He confirmed mixture and throttle control continuity. He also confirmed that the fuel selector was positioned to both. The pilot had turned the magnetos and fuel pump off after the impact to secure the airplane and prevent a fire. Due to the disposition of the wreckage, Mr. Costa was not able to rotate the propeller, but planned to further examine the wreckage after it was recovered.